

HOUSE BILL 914

By Holt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16;
Title 17; Title 20; Title 23 and Title 39, relative to
misconduct by attorneys.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 23, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

23-3-114.

An attorney or counselor who:

(1) Is guilty of any deceit or collusion, or consents to any deceit or
collusion, with intent to deceive the court or any party; or

(2) Willfully delays the attorney or counselor's client's suit with a view to
the attorney or counselor's own gain; or willfully receives any money or allowance
for or on account of any money which the attorney or counselor has not laid out,
or becomes answerable for;

is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, and in addition to the punishment prescribed by title
40, the attorney forfeits to the party injured treble damages, to be recovered in a civil
action.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it and
shall apply to prohibited acts taking place on or after such date.